



From the Chair's Desk



I have just returned from a week “on the road” at conferences of the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) and the North Carolina School Library Media Association (NCSLM). It was a great joy to meet so many of our current students and graduates. As you will see later in this newsletter, members of the ECU MLS “family” were everywhere as presenters and award winners. It was gratifying to see evidence of the enormous impact that ECU has made on librarianship in our state.

Two people well-known to many of you will be honored with induction into the ECU College of Education Educators Hall of Fame on October 15. Dr. Veronica Pantelidis retired during summer 2011 after 35 of service to ECU. Dr. Diane Kester, former department chair, is allegedly “retired” but is actively at work on special assignments for the College. Both of these outstanding contributors have been appointed to Emerita status. It is a proud day for our department to have two of “our own” receive well-deserved recognition.

We have applied to the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation to be moved from Pre-Candidacy to Candidacy status. We will know their decision sometime in November of this year. I cannot predict or promise an outcome, but I do know that your faculty worked collaboratively to produce what I believe is an outstanding application. Details of the ALA accreditation process are available online at <http://tinyurl.com/3ckcwsc>.

I stayed at the Marriot during the NCSLM conference. They gave me two room keys, each one with a slogan printed on it. One said, “Walk in like you own the place.” The other said, “You have the power to open doors.” Many of us had a door, or doors, opened by a guide who introduced us to new realms of learning and culture. Each of us has the power to open those doors for others. And we should be proud! We have a history and a commitment to the common good. Remember that. Remember to tell our story to everyone you know. And remember to walk in like you own the place.

All best wishes,

Elaine Yontz

ALA From a Student's Perspective by Kelley Loftis

In June (23rd—28th), I attended the American Library Association (ALA) Conference in New Orleans. I was able to attend because I was chosen to be the East Carolina University MLS program's representative in the Student to Staff ALA Program. The purpose of the Student to Staff Program is to allow students in MLS programs throughout the country to work with ALA divisions during the annual conference. Our job was to help the staff in our assigned division with various tasks throughout the duration of the conference. We were asked to select our three top choices of divisions, and I chose Library and Information Technology Association (LITA), Association of Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS), and Public Library Association (PLA). I was fortunate enough to be granted my first choice.

Experience—LITA

During my time assigned to LITA, I worked with Executive Director Mary Taylor, Program Coordinator Valerie Edmonds, and Programs and Marketing Specialist Melissa Prentice. I helped set up for the pre-conference sessions on Friday, June 23rd. I took tickets and ensured that all attendees were registered. I also helped with the LITA 101 session, passed out documents, and gathered materials. After that I helped the program coordinator sort scholarship and award certificates.

Sunday, June 25th, I worked with LITA during several meetings and programs. I helped set up the table outside of the auditorium for the Top Tech Trends session, helped during the Awards Ceremony, and directed people during the President's session.

During my time working with LITA and attending LITA sessions I made some invaluable contacts, including Mary Taylor, Valerie Edmonds, Melissa Prentice, and Donald Lemke who is the current Membership Development Committee Chair.

Learning—The Sessions

I was able to attend several sessions during my time at ALA, including LITA 101; Egyptians and Romans and Greeks, Oh My (Gods)! - How Rick Riordan's Series Makes Mythology Engaging for Kids; Top Technology Trends; and Trends in YA Services: Using Mobile Devices to Serve Teens. The Top Tech Trends session (sponsored by LITA) was my favorite session. I was able to get information about what other librarians are doing and what I should be looking into as the Assistant Director of Technical Services at Southern Pines Public Library. I learned about GoodReads.com, the idea that the mouse is on its way out as an input device, and several other technology ideas. The Trends in YA Services session also gave me great technology ideas, such as creating an app for middle and high school reading lists.

Free Books—Galleys!

My favorite day of the conference was Saturday. Since I did not have LITA responsibilities, I took time to go through the vendor displays. I was overwhelmed by how many vendors and displays there were in the exhibit area and all the freebies being given away. I learned that publishers give away copies of books not yet released called galleys. These galley copies are free! What an awesome idea! I was so excited about this concept that I ended up gathering enough books and freebies to send two large flat-rate boxes home and buy a second suitcase.

In addition to the galleys and freebies, I was able to meet and get books signed by two of my favorite YA authors, Sarah Dressen and Cassandra Clare. While in line for the Cassandra Clare signing, the person behind me recognized Jay Asher, author of *Thirteen Reasons Why*. We introduced ourselves and he chatted with us for a few minutes. It was all very cool!

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Conclusion—Lessons Learned

I thoroughly enjoyed my time at the ALA conference. I was very excited to be given the opportunity, and my experience exceeded all of my expectations. There were so many sessions available that as a Student to Staff Participant I did not have enough time to attend as many sessions as I would have liked to. I determined that although I really enjoyed myself, the conference was somewhat overwhelming and exhausting—I did much more walking than I thought I would. I will definitely bring tennis shoes next time. Now that I know what to expect, I would plan better so that I could make the most of my time and attend as many sessions as possible. I would then determine how much time was available to go through the vendor/display area. With all of these lessons learned, I believe I will be better prepared for my next ALA conference.

I am very grateful to Dr. Jami Jones, ECU's ALA Student Chapter Advisor, for giving me the opportunity to represent the Department of Library Science in New Orleans and at ALA. Thank you!



YA author Sarah Dressen signing a book for Kelley.



Kelley Loftis (right) with YA author Cassandra Clare.



Caldecott winner Erin Stead signing Kelley's book.



Kelley (left) at the ALA Scholarship Bash with her ALA roommate.

Public Schools of Robeson County Master in School Library Science Recruitment Fair, October 25

Public Schools of Robeson County will be holding a Master in School Library Science Recruitment Fair/Reception on October 25, 2011, from 3:30-5:00 p.m. at the Southeastern Agricultural Center (Farmer's Market), 1027 Hwy 74 East, Lumberton. This event is FREE! The purpose of the Fair is to recruit teachers who are interested in getting a Master in Library Science. PSRC is hoping to prepare for current and future media vacancies.

Book 'Em North Carolina: Buy a Book and Stop a Crook by Katie Huneycutt

Book 'Em North Carolina Writers Conference and Book Fair brings together more than 75 authors, **including two *New York Times* bestselling authors, Carla Neggers and Michael Palmer, more than 24 award-winning authors, and authors of almost every genre for all ages** under one roof to sell and sign their books, participate in panel discussions and talks, network and interact with fans one-on-one.

It is open to readers of all ages. There are book readings and events scheduled for children from preschool to teens. There are panel discussions and talks for writers trying to break into the field or working to increase their sales or exposure. There are talks and events for readers of various genres, including mysteries, romance, true adventure, historical, biographical, and many others.

Attendance is **FREE** and open to the public. Book 'Em North Carolina is scheduled for **Saturday, February 25, 2012**. Doors open to the public at 9:30 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. The event will be held at Robeson Community College in Lumberton, NC, an all-American City conveniently located at the crossroads of Interstates 95 and 74.

The purpose of The Book 'Em Foundation and this event is to raise public awareness of the link between high crime rates and high illiteracy rates. Proceeds from the Book 'Em North Carolina Book Fair will go directly to increasing literacy in Robeson County, NC and to reducing crime in the area.

More information about the event, including a list of participating authors, is located on the website www.bookemnc.org. Follow Book 'Em North Carolina on our blog, Facebook, and Twitter accounts. Links to these accounts are also located on the event website.

We hope you will join us for Book 'Em North Carolina!

Alumni News

Joann Absi (MLS 1987) co-presented OR codes in the library? at the NC School Library Media Association Conference in Winston Salem.

Paula Barnes Cardinale (MLS 2008) presented Resources from Verizon Thinkfinity at the NC School Library Media Association Conference in Winston Salem.

Robin Boltz, PhD (MLS 2002) has been named Director of the Library for the North Carolina School of Math and Science.

Ellen Bryson (MLS 2005) has been appointed to the Dare County Library Board.

Lynne Crankshaw (MLS 2006) co-presented Creative Ways to Inspire Readers and Writers at the NC School Library Media Association Conference in Winston Salem.

Tammy Derksen (MLS 2010) has been hired at Fremont STARS (School of Technology, Arts, Reading, Writing and Arithmetic for Success) in Wayne County.

Karen Gardner (MLS 1985) was recognized as Media Coordinator of the Year at the NC School Library Media Association Conference in Winston Salem.

Joanna Gerakios (MS 2003) co-presented Windows to the World at the NC School Library Media Association Conference in Winston Salem.

Paige Gower (MLS 2007) co-presented Incorporating Voki into the Classroom Blog at the NC School Library Media Association Conference in Winston Salem.

Jeffrey Hamilton (2007) presented E-Readers and You! At the NCLA Conference in Hickory.

Lisa Hyatt (MLS 1999) has been awarded a \$10,000 LSAT Collection Grant.

Lynn Kientz (MLS 2008) earned her National Board Certification in Library Media.

Laura Mangum (MLS 2000) co-presented Innovative Leaders in Partnerships Media Coordinators & Guidance Counselors: Promoting Library Resources & Student Mental Health with Online Resources at NC School Library Media Association Conference in Winston Salem.

Flora McLain (MLS 2009) was voted Teacher of the Year for Lillian Black Elementary School in Spring Lake.

Cori Minton (MLS 2002) co-presented "Leading" the Change: How libraries can "connect" learning to student growth and achievement at the NC School Library Media Association Conference in Winston Salem.

Blake Norby (MLS 2009) co-presented Co-opting Social Media for Classroom Application at the NC School Library Media Conference in Winston Salem.

Holly Poovey (MLS 2008) co-presented iPads/iPods in the Classroom at the NC School Library Media Association Conference in Winston Salem.

Morgan Reece (MLS 2010) has been named Media Program Specialist for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District.

Maddie Reed (MLS 2008) offered a session on Collaboration: They won't even try! at NC School Library Media Conference in Winston-Salem.

Leah Robertson (MLS 2004) presented Using iPods in the Elementary Library & Classroom at the NC School Library Media Association Conference in Winston Salem.

Julie Stephenson (MLS 2010) co-presented Desperate Librarians: Learn our juicy secrets at the NC School Library Media Association Conference in Winston Salem.

Joetta Stoner (MLS 2007) participated in a panel at NCLA Conference in Hickory entitled Social Networking: Implications for Intellectual Freedom and Equal Access

Dave Trudeau (MLS 2008) was part of a team presenting Guide Your Patrons Through the Online Resource Jungle at NCLA in Hickory.

Summer 2011 MLS Graduates

Sedley T. Abercrombie	Laura T. Holland	Michael B. Robbins
Laura K. Bright	Meredith M. Lynch	Denise L. Schall
Maria D. Clark	Jessica R. Mace	Evan Schmoll
Amy M. Daugherty	Christie S. Moore	Amanda Slaten Frasier
Jack R. Embree	Kim M. Moser	Patricia J. Stringer
Leigh M. Graham	Pamela C. Price	Joann B. Wall
Deanne M. Holcombe	Christopher A. Reeves	

Congratulations! We wish you all the very best success in your future endeavors!

Welcome to the Profession!

Emily Davis has just been hired as the media specialist at South Creek High School in Martin County.

Aislynn Denny has been hired as the media specialist at Guilford Middle School in Greensboro.

Jenni Dry has been hired as billing manager for the Circulation Department in Joyner Library on the ECU campus.

Hale Durant began the school year as the media specialist at Brevard High School.

Stacy Hersey has been hired as the media specialist at Northeast Elementary School in Wayne County.

Danny Hinnant started the school year as the media specialist at Riverwood Middle School in Johnston County.

Teresa Muse has just been hired as the media specialist at

Martin Middle School in Edgecombe County.

Kristy Sartain is the new media specialist at East Carteret High School in Beaufort County.

Donna Terashima was hired as the media specialist at Washington Gifted and Talented Magnet Elementary School in Raleigh.

Student News

Deonne Barnes served on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District's Library Expansion Team this past summer. The team was developed to help convert schools from a K-5 status to PreK-8 status. The members of the team helped with projects like weeding collections, inventorying, and shelving to create integrated libraries after several schools

closed and several expanded.

Tavia Clark received a \$14,000 LSTA Collection Development Grant for this school year.

Paula Farmer was the recipient of a \$1,000 Appalachian Scholarship sponsored by the North Carolina Library Association.

Sandra Prescott received a \$1,000 North Carolina School Library Media Association Scholarship.

Faculty News

Kaye Dotson (Assistant Professor) participated in a virtual conference presentation in *Second Life: Technology Tools to Enhance the Process of Clinical Experience Coordination: A Multidisciplinary Perspective* at the 3rd Virtual Conference on Counseling, September 14. She also presented at the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma on *Using Web 2.0 Tools to Collaborate*, on Saturday, September 17. Dr. Dotson attended the School Library Journal Leadership Summit in Arlington, Virginia, September 22 and 23. At the NC School Library Media Association Conference in Winston Salem on October 7, she presented *Ebooks: An Avenue to Ideas and Information* with recent graduate Mary Lynn Phillips (MLS, Spring 2011) and took part in a presentation with Laura Mangum (MLS 2000) and Kylie Dotson-Blake.

Kaye Dotson and Jami Jones, *Librarians and leadership: The change we seek*, published in *School Libraries Worldwide*, Vol. 17 (2), 2011.

John Harer (Associate Professor) has been appointed to be the U.S.-based associate editor of the *New Review of Academic Librarianship*, a Routledge journal, part of the Taylor & Francis group. Dr. Harer attended NCLA in October and presented a panel on *Social Networking: Implications for Intellectual Freedom and Equal*

Access, which included Dr. Dotson and current student Kelley Loftis. He also took part in a poster session with Dr. Kaye Dotson entitled *New Kid in the Stacks: eReaders & eBooks*.

Jami Jones (Associate Professor) will be presenting at both Treasure Mountain and American Association of School Librarians October 25-30 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Diane Kester (Associate Professor Emerita) was honored at the College of Education Educators Hall of Fame Ceremony on October 15.

Gail Munde (Assistant Professor) presented a paper at the 8th Annual George International Conference on Information Literacy in Savannah, September 22-24. Dr. Munde will join the Editorial Review Board of the *New Review of Academic Libraries* in January.

Veronica Pantelidis (Professor Emerita) was honored at the College of Education Educators Hall of Fame Ceremony on October 15.

Parting Is Such Sweet Sorrow

It is with very mixed emotions that I am announcing my retirement from the Department of Library Science beginning February 1, 2012. Along the way I have met some outstanding people and made a lot of good friends. I cherish all the students I have had the honor of working with over the last 13 years. This decision did not come easy but I think it is time. I have a lot of things on my bucket list I want to accomplish—places to see and people to meet. So I want to thank one and all for enriching my life over the past years!

Karen Methis

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